

Racing the rapids down the Connecticut River

Store Reporter Cheryl Farewell

West Lebanon, New Hampshire K mart 7048 is located by the Connecticut River near its sister state Vermont. There is hardly a road that winds in these states where you can't find a stream or river to fish in. Just behind the store, about 200 feet, is the Connecticut River and during lunch, some employees go fishing!

Every year the town folks gather with their air mattresses, rafts and inner tubes and meet at Cliffords Garage in Hartford, Vermont and race down the six mile rapids. Others meet in Lebanon, New Hampshire just a few miles away. The town folks play horseshoes and at the end of the season there's a play-off tournament.

Living in the mountains, hiking is another favorite sport. The Old Man in the Mountain is a great place to climb and pass the summer away.

Winconsin's center marked by popular Rib Mountain

Store Reporter Jessica Dabiky

Rib Mountain is located eight miles north of K mart 7475, Wausau, Wisconsin. It is one of the more popular sights unique to this area.

Rib Mountain was formed six to nine thousand years ago by the glaciers and rises 1,940 feet above sea level and 650 feet above the surrounding area.

Both the Wisconsin and Rib Rivers were formed by the movement of the glaciers. There is also evidence that the Wisconsin River was once a mile wide in the city of Wausau. Rib Mountain got its name from its arc-like shape, which has been likened to a human rib.

The mountain is located in almost the exact center of Marathon County and the state of Wisconsin. It is four and a half miles long, and one and a half miles wide. Dense hard rock, which forms the mountain, is quartzite. It was originally loose sand, but changed to sandstone by the cementing of sandgrains and then to quartzite, by the earth movements and fluids which compressed and hardened the rock.

Years ago, the mountain's timber was used extensively for the development of local paper mills. It's hard quartzite, reddish in color and was once dug out of the mountain and used for tombstones. Now the mountain stands as a symbol of the past and is utilized for tourists, hikers and skiers.

Numerous parks dot St. Cloud, Minnesota area

Store Reporter Lea Clausen

Minnesota is known for being a state with 10,000 lakes and St. Cloud where K mart 3554 is located, is in the center.

This area has the advantage of the Mississippi River flowing through the city, making boundary lines and providing a natural setting for parks.

Wilson overlooks the river, casting the reflection of the St. Cloud skyline into its image. All coordinate the city into peaceful, relaxing evenings or can bring groups of friends together for the summer activities of softball, volleyball, tennis and bike riding,



View of American Falls from above Luna Island, railed in foreground. Water this side of Luna Island is called the Bridal Veil Falls and the portion beyond is called American Falls. The Observation Tower in upper portion is located on Prospect Park. The Rainbow Bridge can be seen in the distance connecting the United States and Canada.

Niagara Falls summer fun: air show, golf tourney, boat launching

Store Reporter Jeff Lowe

Starting with a visit by the production crew of the nationally televised program "Real People" recently, Niagara Falls, New York has a full schedule of events and activities for residents and visitors in the summer of 1983. And stop in to visit at Jupiter 4599, too.

Included in these events, in addition to the taping by the NBC television network show, are an international Air Show which annually draws about 50,000 persons, the prestigious Porter Cup Amateur golf tournament which features the best amateur players in the world, and the successful "Summer Experience" which highlights the area's ethnic heritage through a series of summer-long events.

This summer will also see the launching of the latest addition to the world famous Maid of the Mist tour boat fleet — the Maid of the Mist V.

The two-decker ship will be the largest in the four-boat fleet which carries millions of visitors to the base of the mighty Niagara Falls. The ships have carried passengers since the 1890's and offer the most spectacular view of the Falls, as the cataracts fall 187 feet into the lower Niagara River.

The International Air Show at the Niagara Falls International Airport has also grown into a major area spectator event, drawing air acrobats and flying machines from all parts of the country.

Features scheduled for this year's show include Betty Stewart, an aerobatics performer who recently won the world women's championship competition at the Moscow Air Show; stunt pilot Wes Winter of Phoenix, Arizona; wing-walker Carol Lynne with pilot Wayne Pierce in their World War II aircraft; the U.S. Army Golden Eagles, a 36-member parachute team; a P-47 Thunderbolt built by Curtiss-Wright and a P-39 aircraft built by Bell Aerospace/Textron.

All of these scheduled acts are known throughout the international air show circuit. This year's event is scheduled for July 16-17.

A third major event is the prestigious Porter Cup, where former U.S. Amateur Champion Nathaniel Crosby, the son of the late Bing Crosby, will defend his crown. This is the 25th anniversary of the Porter Cup, and many former participants are scheduled to attend, including former champion John Cook, Bobby Clampett, Dr. Gil Morgan, Andy Bean, Bill Rogers, Vance Heafner, Ben Crenshaw and others.

The Niagara Falls, New York area annually attracts more than four million visitors who come to view the mighty cataracts and visit the series of quality attractions.

The Falls is located just 300 yards from the city's major downtown area, which includes a major two-story shopping mall, a \$34 million International Convention Center (which recently housed the American Bowling Congress national tournament and the Masters Tournament for professional bowlers, the \$8 million five-story, glass-enclosed Wintergarden, and several other new structures.

The Aquarium of Niagara Falls is one of the leading fresh-water aquariums in the nation and is located adjacent to the Schoellkopf Geological Museum, which traces the rich geological history of the area and the Falls.

Just 20 miles to the north in Youngstown on the shores of Lake Ontario, is Fort Niagara, which was a major battle ground of the French, British and Indians in the late 1700's. Artpark in nearby Lewiston also features a variety of entertainment and is operated by the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Niagara Falls is also on the international border with Canada. Three bridges offer convenient transportation between the two countries.